

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 16-40 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 9, 16-19, 27 and 35 have been amended. A listing of claims is shown on pp. 2-8 of the Reply.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP2197US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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